November 24, 1936.

My dear Senator:

Ever since the election I have meant to send you a note to say that your victory was a source of great satisfaction to those of us here who are familiar with your record in public service. I have not forgotten the help that you gave us in connection with the Banking Act of 1935, and I feel that your knowledge and general viewpoint with reference to the banking situation in the country are of the utmost importance, particularly at this time.

I am hoping that it will accord with your wishes and that the way will be opened for the Senate to take advantage of your services on the Banking and Currency Committee, on which, I believe, there are several vacancies, one caused by the death of Senator Couzens. While this is, of course, a matter entirely of senatorial prerogative, it would be a great personal satisfaction if you are to continue to take the same interest in banking and monetary problems that you had during your service in the House.

In any event, your presence in the Senate will be very reassuring to those of us who are concerning with banking and monetary problems, and I cannot let the opportunity pass to say so and to offer you my congratulations.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles, Chairman.

Honorable Prentiss M. Brown, St. Ignace, Michigan.



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C., December 11, 1936.

My dear Mr. Eccles:

It was nice of you to write me as you did under date of November 24th and I appreciate your highly commendatory expressions concerning my work on the Banking and Currency Committee of the House.

It is my wish to get on the Senate Banking and Currency Committee and if you would have no objection to doing so, I would be pleased to have you write Senator Robinson expressing to him whatever you think my fitness may be for a place on that committee.

With kindest personal regards, I am

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Honorable M. S. Eccles, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1936.

My dear Senator:

With reference to your note of December 11th, let me say that I shall take advantage of the first opportunity to make Senator Robinson acquainted with my own belief that your presence on the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate would not only be appropriate in view of your distinguished service on the House Committee, but would be especially advantageous from the standpoint of the Federal Reserve System and all of those who are interested in sound and constructive banking legislation.

While I am not sure that I ought to go on record by letter to the Senator since, as you are aware, it might appear to be overstepping the proprieties and would, therefore, not be helpful, it seems to me that it would not be inappropriate for me to let the Senator know at least informally of my own views, and I shall take the first occasion to do so. I hope that before then you will acquaint the Senator with your own preferences. I understand that there are several vacancies on the Committee.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours.

M. S. Eccles, Chairman.

Honorable Prentiss M. Brown, United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

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